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BCC NEWS



THE EVER-CHANGING FACE OF BCC

The recent aerial photo above gives a bird's-eye view of the many updates, additions, and changes to the BCC campus. From new entrance roads, signs, walkways and professional playing fields, to expanded parking lots and buildings (such as the Ice Center, upper right), the campus continues to grow and improve each year. •

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Above: Melissa Welsh, left, and Valerie Chier have brought new energy to the BCC Admissions office.

NEW BCC ADMISSIONS STAFFERS MOVING "FAST FORWARD"

There are new faces in BCC's Admissions Office, and the people behind them are charged with updating and expanding some important programs. Valerie Chier is working to reinvigorate the college's Early Admissions program, and Melissa Welsh is administering a new state-of-the-art placement testing system.

The innovative Early Admissions program, now known as "Fast Forward," allows high school students to get a head start on their college educations. Thousands of area students have started their college degrees by taking college-level courses in high school. Today, more than 600 students from 11 schools participate in the growing program. Chier, Staff Assistant for High School and Community Services, recently took on coordination of the program.

"Students and teachers really enjoy the classes, and participation grows every semester," Chier said. "Students can earn 12 college credits before leaving high school, perfect for anyone planning ahead for college."

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PROFESSOR SHARES HIS PEACE CORPS EXPERIENCE

BCC history Professor Ben Kasper recently visited Benjamin Franklin Elementary School during Peace Corps Day. He told Sue McGowan's 3rd grade class about his experiences in Somalia. As a Peace Corps volunteer, Kasper meets annually with students to talk about the purpose and activities of the organization, which is active in more than 130 countries around the world.

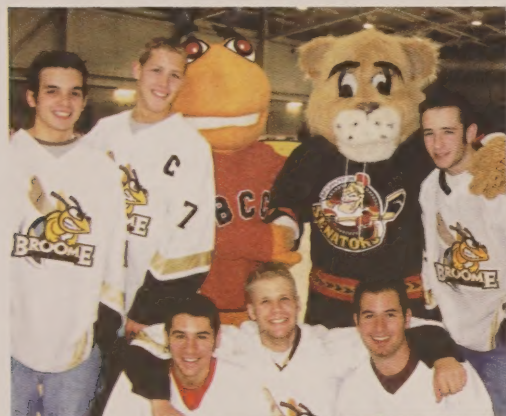
After hearing about his adventures in eastern Africa, several students decided they'd be interested in joining the Peace Corps themselves one day.

"The students and I enjoyed the fascinating stories," wrote Mrs. McGowan to Kasper. "You taught them valuable lessons, amused them, inspired them, and aroused their curiosity."

If you would like a BCC professor to speak to your group, please call the college. We will try to arrange for a visit. •

- HIGHLIGHT -

Professional hockey Binghamton Senators' mascot "Maximus the Lion Cub" visited BCC's "Stinger" and Hornet Hockey friends in fall 2003.



OWLS: OLDER, WISER LEARNERS

The OWLs (Older, Wiser Learners) consortium is bringing Broome County's seniors back into the classroom, and BCC is leading the way. OWLs is a joint effort of the Broome County Office for the Aging, BCC, and local senior citizens centers. Professor Doug Garnar, BCC History chairperson, is OWLs program coordinator.

OWLs classes blend traditional-age students and senior citizens, providing a unique learning environment. "The class discussions are remarkable," said BCC adjunct professor Steve Call. "Our seniors come from a world that is almost foreign to traditional-age students, and to most professors as well."

"Not only is it an opportunity to learn a new subject or to review a long forgotten one," said an elderly student in Professor Matt Brannen's class at the First Ward Senior Center, "but there are young students in the class! They have some remarkably intelligent opinions that will make you think. And they seem interested in hearing what we older students have to say."

Currently OWLs has two \$2000 scholarships and help with book purchases from the Good Shepherd-Fairview Foundation. Senior centers have helped as well, setting up instruction space.

Call pointed out, "When these people were young, most had no hope of going to college."

"Many of you have children, and grandchildren, who went to college," Garnar tells seniors when he visits senior centers. "Now it's your turn."

BCC HELPS LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES EXCEL

When the Southern Tier's entrepreneurs and small business owners need ideas and advice, BCC is there to help with encouragement, leadership and networking opportunities.

For the last eight years, BCC's Center for Community Education has supported the development of small business in the Southern Tier through an initiative sponsored by Senator Thomas Libous. The program, known as ExCEL (Excellence Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership), has grown considerably over the past year, and there are exciting plans ahead.

The goal is to help both new and established small businesses be competitive. The means are the development of relevant training and education opportunities and seminars, and the organization of referral services and networking events. "By encouraging the development of small business in our communities, ExCEL has played an important part in the economic growth of the Southern Tier," Senator Libous said.

A broad range of local businesses is making use of ExCEL's services, including party and events-planning companies, health and wellness organizations, freelance photographers, videographers, consultants, massage therapists, software programmers, Internet marketing and development firms, and many others.

For those who are serious about developing a new business, ExCEL provides a starting point. "People truly don't



Above: Rey Wojdat (standing), coordinator of BCC's Hotel/Restaurant Management program, welcomes participants to ExCEL's 2003 Restaurateurs' Symposium.

know where to begin," said Debra Morello, BCC's Director of Community Education. "They go from one agency to another looking for help, and many become very frustrated."

With changes in the local economy, ExCEL's services have been in high demand. The Southern Tier has been severely affected by industrial downsizing, effects ranging from lost benefits to layoffs. "People are no longer staying with large companies for benefits alone," said Morello. "Many corporations are scaling back the benefits they once provided, and some employees are leaving to start their own ventures."

Layoffs have also prompted local workers to consider starting their own businesses. "The number of people we are working with has quadrupled over the past year," said Morello. "Many have never worked outside of a large corporation. We help them figure out whether they can really succeed in an entrepreneurial environment. Some

find it difficult to get used to a non-corporate schedule. It's just as important for us to help people see whether or not they are cut out for this type of business as it is for us to encourage them."

ExCEL also helps entrepreneurs develop their ideas. "Many small business owners fail to determine who their customers are. It is so important to have a solid business plan," Morello said. "I ask participants to write a one-page executive summary of their business idea. It's a great test to see if they are really ready to move forward."

ExCEL provides workshops, seminars, and a number of free services. Recently, in conjunction with the College's Hotel/Restaurant Program and the NYS Restaurant Association, ExCEL offered a Restaurateurs' Symposium. Nearly 100 participants attended sessions on topics such as pricing and cost control, marketing, establishing a restaurant busi-

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Below: Presenter Rob Schutt provokes lively discussion among participants at the Restaurateurs' Symposium.



UPCOMING FREE WORKSHOPS SPRING 2004

- **February 26**
Implementing and Managing Telework
- **March 23**
Small Business Resource and Opportunities Fair
- **April 16**
Inventions and Patents
- **March 8, May 10**
Entrepreneurial Society Networking Sessions

ExCEL

Excellence Center for
Entrepreneurial Leadership

ness, and customer service.

The Restaurateurs' Symposium was followed by a well-attended Innovators' Workshop covering all aspects of invention, from evaluating ideas and protecting them, to prototyping and financing. As a result of the workshop, ExCEL now hosts a monthly meeting of local inventors.

In addition, monthly ExCEL meetings at the Department of Labor provide support and guidance to displaced workers, through discussions of small business opportunities and potential college coursework.

To further help these displaced workers, as many move into entrepreneurial careers, ExCEL arranged two large community seminars. The "Finding Your Voice," seminars were designed for people experiencing midlife job changes. Nearly 200 participants attended the sessions. ExCEL's popular community seminars continued with the anger management workshop, "Learn to Transform the Energy of Anger into Positive Responsible Action."

One of ExCEL's most successful initiatives is its listserv system, which allows 200 subscribers to the email list to exchange information and ideas.

ExCEL also provides free brochure design to small businesses. New or established businesses work with three local small business owners who help with the production of 100 brochures.

ExCEL organizes a series of useful entrepreneurial courses as well. Course titles include *Small Business Start-Up*, *Instructional Design for Trainers*, *Telephone Techniques That Work*, *Making Money Without Going to Work*, *Create the Ideal Lifestyle through Network Marketing*, *The Loneliness of the Sole Proprietor*, *Ten Mistakes to Avoid When Starting a Small Business*, *Customer Service- Give 'Em a Pickle*, and *How to Buy and Sell at Internet Auctions*.

"BCC's goal has always been to bring the community together to learn and share, and to help people develop new skills," Debra Morello explained. "The ExCEL program has extended this mission into the small business world. We hope that by working together and providing valuable services, we can give the local economy a push in the right direction." •

For more information on ExCEL events and services, call 778-5012 or visit <http://www.sunybroome.edu/excel/>

FALL 2003 SPORTS REVIEW

BROOME HORNET ATHLETICS TEAMS CONTINUE THE WINNING TRADITION

The BCC women's tennis team finished the season with an 8-0 undefeated record and captured the NJCAA Region III championship. The Lady Hornets won six out of six singles championships and swept two out of the three doubles matches to capture the prestigious title. BCC was led by the Kollar sisters, Jessica and Rachel, who won the first and second singles championship and combined to win the first doubles title. Kara Kellett, Erin Drobny, Coleen Ondranko and Kirstina Berry also won singles titles. Ondranko and Berry combined to win the 2nd doubles title.

The Lady Hornets will advance to the NJCAA National tournament in May 2004, in Brazos Valley, Texas.

Women's Soccer

The BCC women's soccer team captured their sixth straight Mid-State Athletic Conference championship and posted a 16-2-1 season. Giving the Lady Hornets an astounding 33-2-2 record over the past two seasons. Sophomore Paige Rosenbarker led the Hornets and was named to the NJCAA All-American team as well as the All-Conference and All-Region teams. Teammates Stacey McKown, Ashley Prusik, and Melissa Tabek also captured All-Region or All-Conference honors. Under Head Coach Bill Rich the Lady Hornets have become one of the dominant forces in women's soccer in Region III.

Women's Volleyball

The BCC women's volleyball team under the direction of Head Coach Dawn Kenyon finished the year with an impressive 19-12 overall record. The Lady Hornets had a number of outstanding individual performances, especially from Trisha Brooks. Brooks, along with teammates Krista Newman and Melanie Davis, garnered All-Conference and All-Region honors.



The lady volleyballers are looking to a very bright and successful 2004 season.

Men's / Women's Cross Country

Head Coach Tom Carter's cross country teams experienced a good season as both the men's and women's teams continued to improve throughout the year. Derek Schreiber, Scott Tompkins, Brendan Sullivan, Ian Carper, Jeff Hoover, Andre Massena, and Jevon Hill made up the men's team. Jessica Cross, Sara Glovasky, Melloney

Soutiere, Tanya Young, Catie Petrus, and Danielle Minoia competed for the BCC women's team. Coach Carter was pleasantly surprised by his team's overall performances in 2003.

Men's Soccer

Under Head Coach Al LaBarbera, the BCC men's soccer team captured the Mid-State Athletic Conference title and posted a remarkable 17-2-1 overall record. "Coach Al" was named Conference Coach of the Year. The BCC booters were led by All-Americans Zach Manning and Nick Bunnell. The Hornets received All-Conference awards for Manning, Ryan Marasco, and Rich Forsberg. Manning and Bunnell also captured All-Region honors. Coach LaBarbera is busy recruiting for next year and hopes to continue building on one of the strongest men's soccer programs in Region III.

The BCC sports teams continued to enjoy enormous success in the fall of 2003. They provided many exciting moments for their loyal fans, as well as an excellent addition to the winning tradition of Broome Athletics. •



• ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHT •



The women's basketball team and Stinger spread the good word about the team in the new Student Center Commons.



FALL 2003 PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY AT BCC

Below: Referee Mike Andrews drops the puck for Chenango Valley's Mike Pignatelli (left) and Vestal High's Mike Pomeroy at a recent game in the Broome County High School Hockey Association. The Association uses the BCC Ice Center for many of its contests; on Sunday nights alone there are three consecutive high school games bringing hundreds of area fans to the campus. In its second season, the Ice Center is proving to be very popular with hockey players, figure skaters, and recreational skaters. Both Pignatelli and Pomeroy are considering BCC as their college choice; just maybe these centers may soon be garbed with the Hornet black and gold. For more information on Ice Center activities, visit www.sunybroome.edu



COLLEGE TRANSFER DAY HELPS STUDENTS PLAN FOR FURTHER EDUCATION

At left, L-R: BCC students Tim Envid (Engineering Science), Justyn Butler (Business Management), and Keith Graham (Business Management) visit with a representative from LeMoyne College at BCC's Transfer Day event. The event is co-sponsored by the Admissions Office and Placement Services. •



SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS

Proudly wearing their hard-earned medals, above, front row L-R: Excellence in Teaching recipients Jacqueline Shrader and Andrea Wade, Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities recipient Patricia Franks. In back, Excellence in Professional Services recipient Douglas Lukasik, and Interim President Helen Veres. And the happy face peering over Doug's shoulder? A photo in BCC's college show display!

9/11 MEMORIAL

Below: BCC observed the anniversary of the 9/11/01 attacks with a memorial service at the campus flagpole.



Above: From Toy Story's "Woody" to "Slim Jim", students were at their creative best for this year's halloween Costume contest

Below: Volunteers for this halloween's pie eating contest get down and dirty.



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"I'm extremely pleased with the success of Fast Forward," said Anthony Fiorelli, BCC's Director of Admissions. "Fast Forward courses fulfill students' General Education requirements. This allows them more involvement with courses related to their major, when they go on to college."

In addition to fully transferable college transcripts, Fast Forward students have all the benefits of part-time BCC students. A Student Activities fee, part of the tuition cost, pays for both a BCC Student Handbook and a student ID card. The ID card gives access to the libraries at BCC and Binghamton University, to BCC athletic events, and to student discounts at local stores.

The low cost of the program is another incentive. Students pay only one third of the traditional per-credit-hour fee. NY State and Broome County provide the other two-thirds of the total cost.

Nanette Burg, a guidance counselor at Greene High School, says the program can help ease the transition from high school to college. "Having a few courses already completed allows students to take lighter course loads while adjusting to their first semesters at college," she said. The program also benefits high schools. "It's good for us to be able to offer college-level classes to advanced students, whose needs are often neglected," Burg said.

Other participating high schools are Chenango Forks, Windsor, Whitney Point, Vestal, Union-Endicott, Maine-Endwell, Harpursville, Afton, Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton, and Susquehanna Valley. Chier plans to involve more schools in the future.

While Fast Forward allows prospective BCC students to earn early credits, diagnostic testing helps place incoming BCC students in appropriate courses. The Admissions

Office administers placement tests in reading, writing, and mathematics to entering students. Test results are used along with other records to steer students to course levels in which they can succeed.

Recently, BCC moved from a paper-and-pencil testing method to a fully computerized Accuplacer test system, one used at more than 300 colleges nationwide.

Melissa Welsh, BCC's Staff Assistant for Recruitment and Placement Testing, is now in charge of Accuplacer testing. "The test is easy to use, even for people with little computer experience," Welsh said. "All but one of the questions are multiple-choice. Except on the essay, students simply point and click to select answers. The test is scored immediately, speeding up the registration process. And scores are stored electronically, so advisors have on-demand access to information on any student."

The system simplifies the placement testing process in other ways, too. Unlike older tests, Accuplacer is not timed. This helps eliminate pressure and test anxiety many students feel. "Accuplacer testing takes less time, is less stressful, and gives immediate results," said Fiorelli.

Another valuable system feature is adaptivity. "If a student begins a math test at an advanced level but does not perform well, the system defaults to a less difficult level test to more accurately gauge their abilities," Welsh said.

"Student reactions have been very positive," she said. "They work on their own, and when they're done they can get up and go. They don't have to wait for anyone else."

The Admissions office is moving fast into the future, said Fiorelli. "The Fast Forward program continues to grow each semester, and Accuplacer testing helps traditional students get started on the right foot. That's good news for everyone involved." •

BCC'S CAREGIVER CONNECTION



Above: Marilyn Heverly of JCC Child Care Center reads to toddlers.

In 2003, BCC opened its new Caregiver Connection. The Connection provides local child-caregivers with training in the latest health, safety, and literacy development practices.

More than 150 caregivers participate in Caregiver Connection, including 18 childcare centers and 31 family childcare homes.

"Caregivers have a profound effect on the lives of our youngest children, their families, and our community's future," said Caregiver Connection Director Michelle Norton. "They are not babysitters. They are educators involved in the intellectual development of the children in their care."

"NY State requires only 15 hours of training for certification as a child caregiver," Norton said. "Our *Building Brighter Futures for Broome* program is helping caregivers go far beyond that."

In recent years, developmental programs have become increasingly important to Early Childhood professionals. Childcare usage has increased dramatically, and at the same time the latest research in infant and toddler brain development has shown these early years are critical learning periods.

The Stewart W. and Wilma C. Hoyt Foundation provided support for the first phase of the Broome program, a one-year pilot project that brought mentors and on-site college coursework into eight childcare centers. Infant/toddler caregivers enrolled in self-study programs to learn how to help each child develop to his or her potential. Mentor Teachers provided individualized help and instruction.

BCC Professor Barbara Nilsen directed many of the childcare activities associated with the original grant. "Teaching young children requires specific skills," Dr.

Below: BCCenter staff members take toddlers for a stroll. L-R: Amy DellaPenta, Infant Teacher; Kelly Page, Toddler Teacher; Niamh Johnson, Toddler Teacher; Jody Whiting, Infant Teacher; Michelle Norton, Caregiver Connection Director



Nilsen explained. "Young children need highly competent, specialized teachers."

Reactions from caregivers have been very positive. "From the first introduction to the project at BCC, to Michelle Norton's visits to our center each week, this program has transformed our infant/toddler program," said Kim Downs, director of Whitney Point Preschool & Daycare. "Our teachers have benefited tremendously. I believe many of them felt that they were with the children to nurture and care for them, but not to teach. If we can demonstrate that children make substantially better progress with quality early education, responsive parenting, and good health care during their first three years, the future of rural children will be considerably brighter."

Federal funding through the Early Learning Opportunities Grant, in collaboration with the *Building Brighter Futures for Broome* initiative, extended the project to more childcare centers and homes. Now BCC faculty and staff and leading early childhood agencies can provide on-site professional development to childcare providers in licensed homes and facilities throughout the county.

Lesla Burford, a Binghamton family childcare provider, said, "This has absolutely been

a positive thing for me. Since I work at home, I wasn't able to fit traditional campus-based classes into my schedule," adding, "It's also a motivation to work toward a degree."

"I choose to work with other people's children," Burford said, "because not everyone has the same options that I do. So, they need someone to trust and rely on to care for their children. Making this program available to family care providers, not just to center teachers who need to comply with new regulations, has been a great gift."

The program now affects the lives of more than 600 infants and toddlers in the Binghamton area. Partners in the expanded project include the Binghamton City School District, Lourdes Hospital, Family Enrichment Network, and the Broome County Health Department. Additional grants from other community foundations and individual donors contribute to both expansion and maintenance of the program.

"Infants and toddlers will reap the rewards of this investment of time, funds and energy," Michelle Norton said. "At Caregiver Connection we are truly Building Brighter Futures for Broome." •

BCC'S NEW "4-YEAR" BUSINESS PROGRAM

BCC Business students can now earn Bachelor's degrees without leaving town, thanks to a new affiliation with Excelsior College. The program was designed to meet the needs of non-traditional students wishing to earn B.S. degrees in Business but who are unable to leave the area.

These students can now complete their BCC degrees in any of several business fields, then stay at BCC for more coursework pre-approved for Excelsior transfer. With the addition of a few more courses, readily available on-line, the students will be candidates for the Excelsior College Bachelor's degree.

BCC Interim President Helen Veres called the Excelsior program "...a real breakthrough. This is a great opportunity for many of our place-bound graduates to finish their degrees locally."

Excelsior College, formerly known as Regents College, is an independent institution offering only external degree programs. Historically it has been of greatest benefit to working adults. Currently Excelsior enrolls 20,000 students.

Interested? Contact BCC's Admissions Office to learn more about the program - 778-5011, admissions@sunybroome.edu

COMMUNICATIONS GRADS FIND SUCCESS IN NYC, LA

Making the career jump from Broome County to New York City or Los Angeles is a dream of many of BCC's Communications graduates, and has become reality for three alums who took different paths to find career success.

It was the public relations classes in her BCC Communications curriculum that helped Jackie Fortier '99 realize she loved the field of PR. This year she was promoted to national sales representative for DK Publishing, part of Penguin-Putnam Publishing. Jackie began her career at the Penguin Putnam Inside Sales office in Kirkwood, and then moved to NYC with the company. Now she lives in New Jersey, commuting to her office on Hudson Street and traveling across the country to visit clients in places like Dallas and Portland. "Sales is mainly PR," Jackie said. "It's about relationships with the clients, and I really enjoy interacting with people."

Sara Henry '96 chose to pursue the technical end of communications. As an assistant director on CBS's *The*

Early Show, she repairs any mistakes in the initial taped versions aired in other time zones. "The most perfect shows are the ones on the West Coast," she said. She is one of two production assistants who develop the show's graphics; during the first phase of the war in Iraq, she became an expert on military weapons, planes, and aircraft carriers, and what they looked like. "Three months of eating and sleeping it," Sarah said – "I knew every map of Iraq."

During that time, CBS staff worked long hours, often 12- and 13-hour days. "The day they were tearing down the statues in Iraq, around 11 a.m., it was my shift. I knew then, 'Wow, we can have weekends off!'" For the most part, though, she admits, "It's not as hard as I thought it would be (to work at CBS). The hardest part was getting in the door."

She was still a student when she did that. On one of the BCC Communications Club's field trips to NYC, the students visited the *Geraldo* show, and she introduced herself to a technical director. He suggested she send him her resume when she gradu-



Above: Sara Henry '96 and BCC Professor of Communications John Butchko meet again in NYC, in November 2003. Butchko accompanied Communications students on a field trip to the city. Sara is assistant director at CBS's *The Early Show*.

ated, and it was that contact which led to her job at CBS.

Other ADs she works with have less technical know-how, and that makes her valuable. "If I hadn't gone to BCC and

gotten the technical background, I wouldn't be where I am now."

Sara's classmate, Jerame Hawkins '96, also draws on what he learned at BCC as he

develops his Los Angeles-based audio business, Hawkeye Productions. His company did the audio for an independent film, and is in the process of selling a cartoon to WB. "It's great to see my production go from my bedroom [which doubles as an audio studio] to the big screen."

He has diversified during his years in California, with projects ranging from film and radio sound tracks to phone messages for customers on hold. "I'm producing all the time, always building my library."

"There are tons of people here, trying to break in. It's how you position yourself that gets you the job," he said, adding that he has learned all aspects of production from writing to camera work. He is always giving out his business card, networking everywhere. "There is no room for slackers," he said. "It's fun. It's competitive. It keeps you on your toes." •

Read more alumni success stories on page 8 and at www.sunybroome.edu/~alumni

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI ACCEPT AWARDS IN 2003

Alumni Achievement Award

Francis Battisti, R-CSW, BCD
Class of 1968

Francis is the CEO of Battisti Network, a multi-discipline consulting firm specializing in individual and organizational transformation. He is Professor of Psychology and Human Services at BCC, where he is a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. He is also a clinical consultant with Nutrition Network, Inc. His national reputation in the field of conflict disposition has positioned him to work with major organizations, a congressional committee and corporations, and as a seminar presenter and keynoter to Fortune 500 companies.



Above: John Birchall '77, recipient of the 2003 Alumni Achievement Award, speaks at the Awards Dinner at Homecoming 2003, where the Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented.

John Birchall
Class of 1977

John is Vice President/ General Manager of WJTV-TV (Newschannel 34) and WBGH-TV (NBC-5). He has spent the last 24 years working in the local television market. He is also on the Boards of Directors of the Broome County Chamber of Commerce and the Spidie Fest and Balloon Rally, and on the marketing committee of the American Red Cross. He volunteers as a youth basketball coach.

Lt. Paul Tomanek
Class of 1977

Paul is the most decorated police officer in the 151-member police department in the city of Clifton,

NJ. He has received 6 honorable service medals for courageous acts and going beyond the call of duty. He earned the medals for saving tenants from a high rise building fire, catching armed robbers, negotiating with a knife-wielding person, stopping an emotionally disturbed person from using firearms, and pursuing and apprehending burglars in his own car while off-duty.

Jeffrey Kraham
Class of 1971

Broome County Executive Jeffrey Kraham is currently serving his second term in that office. He was a member of the Broome County Legislature 1977-1990, and in 1981-1986 he served as Broome County's and New York State's youngest County Legislative Chairman. He has initiated and completed many local projects including a new terminal at the Greater Binghamton Airport, a new public library, a new County Justice Building, and three new Senior Citizen Centers.

Thomas Kubala, Ed.D
Class of 1958

Thomas is Professor of Higher Education at the University of Central Florida where he has been since 1995. He was President of Delaware Technical and Community College 1992-1995, and also Deputy to the University Chancellor/Head of the Office of Community Colleges for SUNY, 1986-1992. Before that he served as President of Thomas Nelson Community College in Virginia, Dean of Anne Arundel Community College in Maryland and Associate Professor at BCC.

Claire Ligeikis Clayton, Ed.D
Class of 1976

Claire has been the Chairperson of the Nursing Department at BCC since 1990. She received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1994 and has been twice honored by the New York State District #5 Nurses Association. Serving on a number of local, statewide and national boards, she advocates changes in the health care delivery system and works tirelessly to support the profession of nursing.

Alumni Service Award
Rosemary West
Class of 1991

Rosemary has a strong commitment to her community and volunteers extensively at many local organizations, despite a permanent injury. She serves in many volunteer roles for the Arthritis Foundation, as a Mediator for ACCORD, and as a volunteer for the Office for Aging, Special Olympics, Alzheimer's Association, Action for Older Persons, First Night, and the American Cancer Society. She works as a reporter for Masthead Publications.

The 2004 Awards

It's time to nominate yourself or other BCC alumni for a 2004 Distinguished Alumni award.

Indicate which award the nomination is for:

Alumni Achievement Award:
For outstanding success in

professional life; success is defined as going beyond ordinary career responsibilities and demonstrating leadership and excellence.

Alumni Service Award:

For service to the community clearly setting the nominee apart through either one outstanding action or event, or a series of volunteer activities.

To nominate any BCC alum, please submit the following:

- Name, address, email, phone, graduating class and major
- Employer, employer address and job title
- Promotions, awards and achievements
- Community activities, service club membership(s)
- Supporting documents (resume, newspaper articles, citations, etc.), if applicable
- Maximum 1-page description of why the nominee should receive the award
- Name, address, email and phone of person nominating (if not the nominee)

Please send all materials by May 1, 2004, to Michele McFee, BCC Director of Alumni Affairs, P. O. Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902. Awardees will be notified in June, and the awards presented at the 2004 Homecoming on October 2. •

ALUMNI CALENDAR NOTES

For more information on any events, call Alumni Affairs at 778-5477, email mcfee_m@sunybroome.edu, or visit www.sunybroome.edu/~alumni

Alumni Roundtable Series Debuts

BCC Alumni are invited to participate in a new monthly Roundtable Series to begin this spring. Each weekday lunch, either in downtown Binghamton or on the BCC campus, will feature a presentation by a BCC faculty member, and time afterwards for discussion. Topics being considered include: "Election 2004", "Cautionary Tales of Hillcrest and Endicott", "the War in Iraq and its Effects", and "Can the Arts Really Rejuvenate Binghamton?". Invitations including series topics, dates, and locations, will go to a limited mailing list in February. If you would like to be included in the mailing, please contact Alumni Affairs.

The Pink Panther Strikes Again!

The famous madcap comedy, *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*, is coming to BCC on Saturday, March 20, and alumni are invited to the best seats in the house!

At 6:30 p.m., get together with fellow alumni at a wine and cheese reception in the Student Center. At 8 p.m., the Little Theater curtain goes up, with alumni in reserved prime seats.

Bring a group of family or friends! Tickets are \$7/each and must be reserved by March 16. Send a check made out to the BCC Alumni Association to the BCC Alumni Office, PO Box 1017, Binghamton, NY 13902.

Summer Canal Cruise

On August 23, 2003, BCC alumni gathered in the Syracuse area for the 2nd Annual BCC Alumni Canal Cruise and Trek. Two dozen people bicycled a 15-mile route around Syracuse, including the towpath of the old Erie Canal, the Onondaga Lake Recreation Trail, and a guided tour of the Erie Canal Park in Camillus. A relaxing dinner cruise followed on the Erie-Barge Canal and then Onondaga Lake at sunset. It was beautiful, fun and relaxing and a great way to catch up with other alumni. Look for an announcement of next year's cruise in the summer BCC News, or contact Alumni Affairs.

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

1950s

Richard Vanek (CH '50) completed 9 years in the San Diego Police Department's Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol Program in September 2003. Members perform vacation house checks, visit the elderly, write disabled parking citations and other duties.

W. Gordon Crabb (AAS '51) celebrated his 50th anniversary on May 30, 2003. He would like to correspond with other classmates by e-mail. His address is gordon01@erols.com.

Jacques K. Doyle (ET '55) had three articles included in the book, *Red Dragon: "The Second Round"* published by Artwork Publications, Copyright 2003. It is a collection of memories of Korean War soldiers. Two articles were previously printed in the "Graybeards" magazine.

1960s

M. Bruce Hamilton (MT '61) retired from Eastman Kodak Company after 37 years in February 2000. He is currently working with the developmentally disabled through the Ontario ARC and finds it very rewarding.

Patricia Leslie (DH '61) welcomed her first two grandchildren: Bradley Jacobs on 9-30-01 and Cassandra Smith on 8-22-02.

Frank McDaniels (BT '62) retired as a full professor of business at the collegiate level. He is currently a certified middle school teacher in Pennsylvania. He is married, with four grown children, and lives in the Philadelphia area.

Ron Campbell (MT '63) is a Senior Principal Mechanical Engineer at Raytheon's Space and Airborne Systems in McKinney, TX. Ron is currently Lead ME on the optical imaging and targeting system for the "Predator" unmanned aircraft. He enjoys boating, snow skiing in the Rockies and designing webpages. Ron recalls the beginning of the space race and the increased demand for graduates of BCC's outstanding technical programs.

Ed Giolma (ET '63) retired in 1996 after working 30 years with Texas Instruments. He now travels and spends time working on his 1961 Pontiacs. They have been featured in several magazines and have won national awards.

Robert Martin (ES '68) was appointed Manager of Field Engineering for NYSEG in 2003.

1970s

Brenda Zeigler Hilfiger (DH '71) is president of Rekindle the Spirit, Inc., a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization and Pennsylvania Heritage Region project (Manley-Bohlayer Farm). She is also vice-chair of the PA Apple and Cheese Festival in Canton, PA. This was the 15th year of the annual festival of crafts, fine art, photography, entertainment, and food.

William L. Sands (CT '73) has recently received his license to practice architecture in NY State. He is a partner in the firm of Bearsch Compeau Knudson Architects/Engineers, Binghamton.

Barbara Pape Brencley (RN '73) is Occupational and Public Health Administrator for Beechwood Continuing Care in Amherst, NY. She is responsible for developing and implementing all policies and programs regarding employee health and safety, infection control and OSHA issues.

Ben Cabot II (CT '73, BU '84) is a project manager for a pre-cast plant designing and managing concrete products.

Michael Cassin (CT '74) is vice-president of DEW Construction Consultants, Inc., a construction consulting firm that monitors construction projects for numerous lenders throughout Florida. He is buying out his partner, and will be sole-owner in four years.

The daughter of **Debbie Dvorsky (RN '74)** is a BCC senior who plays soccer, basketball and softball and made the President's List.

Marjorie Maume Langevin (RN '75) received her BS and MSN from Binghamton University and is now a family nurse practitioner working with Dr. Padmaraju in a pediatric practice at Lourdes Hospital.

Eileen C. (Hitt) Atkinson (SC '76) is a registered nurse in the worker's compensation arena as a manager of the telephonic case manager unit.

Concetta Kent (RN '77) is working as a hospice on-call nurse.

Lisa Zuccolo (BUMS '77) is a real estate paralegal with Hinman, Howard and Katell. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Social Science from Binghamton University in 2000.

Mark Kocenko (BA '79) assumed the role of HR Director of Processes and Systems at Rinker Materials Corporation. He has a BA from the University of South Florida and an MBA from Palm Beach Atlantic University. He lives in Boca Raton, Florida with his wife Andrea and two sons: John, 5 and Paul, 3.

1980s

Mark McManus (BMMS '80) was recently appointed to the FBI as a special investigator. He is currently assigned to the Albany office, but will be assigned to the Miami office after training. Mark previously worked for the Broome County Department of Emergency Services, and operated his own business for the last 14 years. He lives in Boonville, NY with his wife Suzanne and son Turner.

Jeane Londa (RN '81) was married October 4, 2003 to Franklin Frear, Jr. who is a student at BCC.

Douglas Miller (CH '81) is finishing his otolaryngology (head and neck surgery) residency in 2004. A physician with the U.S. Navy, he has been married 8 years.

Katherine Lasicki (LAAA '83) is in the active duty Air Force (19+ years). She was promoted to Senior Master Sergeant in November 2002. She is currently an instructor at the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex, Alabama. She graduated from Saint Martin's College in May 2002 with an MBA.

Jamie Zipay (ET '83) earned his BSEET in 1989 and his MSEE in 1992. He is an Associate Professor in Computer Systems Engineering Technology at the Oregon Institute of Technology.

Stephen Evans (BA '85) has been promoted to Manager of Financial Reporting at the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc. at the National Headquarters in Tucson, AZ. His first child was born February 12, 2003: Nicholas Stephen Evans, 7 pounds 5 oz.

Debbie (Lake) VanVorce (BC '85, RN '03) just received her nursing degree from BCC and is

working on the oncology floor at Wilson Hospital.

Bill Fenson (LA '86) recently coauthored a book, "Implementing and Managing Telework: A Guide for Those Who Make It Happen." It is published by Praeger Publishers. Bill owns his own career counseling business, The Skills Emporium.

Lisa (Polakovich) Gallagher (ET '88) was recently promoted to Meter Technician at NYSEG-Vestal location. Lisa and her husband Mark have two children: Ryan (4) and Meghan (2).

Valerie Vzcatequi (CH '89) is now working as a freelance writer/editor in science and math for educational publishing.

1990s

Ann Albert (LAMH '90) moved with her husband to Sun City, Arizona six years ago. She joined the Sun City Posse, under the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department. She patrols Sun City and serves as an M/Sgt, whereby she handles the Social Service Department.

Kevin P. Wagstaff (LAAA '92) was selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Nomination can only come from a former student who has been cited in Who's Who Among American High School Students and The National Dean's List. Who's Who honors a select 5% of our nation's teachers. Kevin was also awarded a Distinguished Faculty Award by the Maine-Endwell Class of 2002. Wagstaff teaches science at the Maine-Endwell School. Kevin and his wife Kelly ('89) live in Conklin, NY with their five daughters.

Michelle McGoff-McCann (BUBA '92) recently published her first book, "Melancholy Madness, A Coroner's Casebook," about a 19th century coroner in Ireland. In 2000 she fulfilled a lifelong dream when she left her 6-figure salary in Silicon Valley to move to the Gap of Dunloe in Ireland to write her book.

Teresa Nappi (BUTT '93) married David Striss (LAAA '93) on 5/31/03. Teresa works in inventory control at VanCott Jewelers and David works in shipping at Frito Lay.

Rosemary Niznik (BUBC '95) is an account manager, currently doing finances and payroll for 5 Catholic churches, a school, and a cemetery.

Michelle Foster (CH '97) graduated in May 2003 from the University at Buffalo Arts in chemistry. She is now attending the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Buffalo and lives with her fiancé, Jeff, and their son Jordan, in Buffalo.

Angela Jensen (LACM '99) has moved to New York City and is working as Production Coordinator on ABC's daytime soap opera, "One

Life To Live." She also worked as a production assistant for three feature films since June: "Satan's Little Helper," "Max and Grace," and "Heights."

Rob Rieber (BUMM '99) and his wife Sue spent five months on their sailboat, Boxer, off the East Coast of Florida, returning in Spring 2003. Since the trip, they have purchased more real estate and are planning to start a small business.

2000s

Tim McMahon (BUFS '00) enjoys traveling in his job with Visions Federal Credit Union. He has had two promotions in three years and credits his BCC education with opening the door for him to get his job.

Cheryl Ripley (RIM '00) not only was able to get a "fantastic" job as an office manager in a private practice, but she also became self-employed in a home-based medical billing business.

Nelson Towner (IT '00) became a full-time BCC student after Anitic closed and worked at Binghamton University (BU) between semesters at BCC. After he finished with coursework at BCC in December 1999, he began a temporary job at BU, then was hired for a permanent position. He received a small promotion and is currently working as an electrician SG-12 at BU.

Terry Mohrien (CH '00) finished his Bachelor of Science in Paper Science and Engineering at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in 2002. He is working as a Quality Manager at Interstate Container in Lowell, MA.

Kristin Farwell (BUBA '01) graduated from Syracuse University in May 2003 with a Bachelor's Degree in retailing and marketing with honors. She began in the Merchant Development program at Macy's East in Herald Square in New York City in October.

Lynne Lightowler-Buck (BIM '02) is about halfway to her 4-year degree at Binghamton University. She is also finishing a Master Gardner Course through Cornell Cooperative Extension at SUNY-Cobleskill and is doing community service work in Chenango County.

Esther Lindberg-Route (BIM '02) is pursuing an elementary education degree at SUNY Cortland.

Jennifer Dufton (OT '03) is working full time as an administrative assistant and pleased with her pay and location close to home.

Charles Duvall (BIM '03) is starting work on his third degree, a major in marketing sales. He retired from the U.S. Army March 2, 1997. He hopes to write a book about his life history.

Samantha Kunsman (BUFS '03) is at Visions Federal Credit Union as a teller, working towards a position in the finance department.

If you have news – marriage, promotion, achievement, etc. – for **ALUMNI ON THE MOVE**, please let us know about it! Your news:

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COMPUTER STUDIES ALUM WINS 2003 EMMY AWARD

Rocco Passionino (CS '89) had an unforgettable evening on September 13, 2003 when he won an Emmy Award for the Best Visual Effects in a Television Series for *Firefly*, a one-season science fiction show on the Fox network. The award was for the show's pilot episode, "Serenity."

"It was a stunning and amazing night, one I hope I won't ever forget," Rocco said.

Since 1994, Rocco has been using computers to produce realistic special effects in the entertainment industry. He first worked on the film *Apollo 13*, and organized the ship-sinking sequence as part of the Academy Award-winning visual effects team on the movie *Titanic*. He also developed the foot-crushing-the-street scene in the movie *Godzilla*, and brought to life the mini-hunter killer machines in the *Terminator 2* 3-D movie. His credits include many other films and television shows as well.

Currently, as Digital Effects Supervisor for Zoic Studios, Rocco oversees the entire production pipeline for both the 2-D and 3-D divisions of the company. He also serves as Associate Visual Effects Supervisor for the WB/20th Century Fox Episodic TV show *Angel*. •

BCC ICE CENTER HOSTS REGIONAL ICE-PAINTING SEMINAR

BCC's Ice Center was chosen to host a professional seminar on ice painting techniques and refrigeration. ("Ice Painting" is the process of adding lines and graphics to the ice floor.) Ice facility personnel from across the region were invited to participate in a variety of demonstrations and classroom discussions.

Jet Ice Limited of Ontario, Canada, a world leader in ice painting and specialty paints, conducted the event. •



Above: "Aging Iceman" Dave Michalak ('75) and Lew Ingalls ('87) celebrate the win of the Gold Team, coached by Michalak, at the first-ever Alumni Hockey Game.

FIRST HOMECOMING BRINGS ALUMNI BACK TO CAMPUS

Nearly 200 people returned to campus for the First Annual BCC Alumni Homecoming on October 4. Alumni and their families took a turn around the ice (with a good grip on the rail) at the BCC Ice Center, were amazed by the contortions of gymnastic dance group Galumph, and reminisced and celebrated at a dinner in honor of seven alumni for their professional and volunteer achievements. (see pg. 6)

The Alumni Hockey Game in the evening brought 40 alumni to the ice. Dave Michalak's "aging icemen" (those who played at BCC before 1986) beat the "young guys" with a score of 8-2, but Joe Drotar plans to have his team reverse that score next year. (Weight training begins after Christmas...) Special thanks to all the alumni volunteers who helped the Alumni Association make the day a success.

Planning has already begun for Homecoming 2004 on Saturday, October 2. Once again there will be an alumni hockey game, a dinner and other events for families during the day. Anyone with suggestions for the event can contact Alumni Affairs Director Michele McFee at mcfee_m@sunnybroome.edu. Look for more details in the next *BCC News* and at www.sunnybroome.edu/~alumni

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